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OF THE

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AND

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FOR THE YEAR

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Mr.Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting the annual report for 1969.

The two main public health problems in the town are the disposal of sewage and refuse. When the new sewage works is completed it should be able to deal adequately with domestic and industrial sewage and further building in the town will be possible and river pollution diminished. Improved methods of refuse disposal in co-operation with neighbouring local authorities are still being negotiated.

The Housing Act, 1969 enables householders to have larger grants towards modernizing and improving their properties and there are signs that many more people now wish to apply for improvement grants than in past years. The Council are modernizing pre-war council houses in the town.

There is an increasing need for more group dwellings as the number of elderly people in the community rises. The Homestead and Grove Court have proved very successful in providing for the needs of the elderly and Manor Court is shortly to be opened providing 8 flats for married couples, 12 bed-sitting room flats for single people and 2 guest rooms. In each group dwelling there is a resident warden.

Trowbridge is fortunate in having an open air swimming pool which is extensively used. This year a plant has been installed for heating the water in the pool.

The statistics in the tables which follow indicate an increase of 300 in population to 17,940. The birth rate, 20.8 per 1,000 population is above the national average of 16.3. The death rate of 10.5 per 1,000 population is below the national figure of 11.9 The percentage of illegitimate births rose from 6 % in 1968 to 9 % in 1969, the national figure for 1969 being 8 %. The infant mortality rate, deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births, was 14 compared with 18 for England and Wales.

91 % of the babies born in 1968 had been immunised against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus by the end of 1969 and most of these against poliomyelities also.

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I should like to thank the staff of the Health Department and Health Committee for their help and co-operation during the year.

Yours sincerely,

J.L.DAVIES.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area .....2,250 acres

Population 17,940

Rateable Value at 31.3.69 ..... £ 908052

Sum Representated by Penny Rate ..... £ 3652.12.6

Total Number of Houses in Urban District 6520

VITAL STATISTICS.

	M.	F.	Total	1968	England and Wales 1969
LIVE BIRTHS -					
Legitimate	168	156	323	313	
Illegitimate	14	18	32	20	
	182	173	355	333	
LIVE BIRTH RATE - per 1,000 population			19.8	18.9	16.3
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - expressed as percentage of total live births			9.0	6.0	8.0
CORRECTED BIRTH RATE - per 1,000 population (comparability factor 1.05)			20.8	19.8	16.3
STILL BIRTHS -					
Legitimate	2	1	3	5	
Illegitimate	1	0	1	0	
	3	1	4	5	
STILL BIRTH RATE - per 1,000 live and still births			11.0	15.0	13.0
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	185	174	359	338	
TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES	104	95	199	217	
DEATH RATE PER 1,000 population all Causes			11.1	12.3	11.9

	M.	F.	Total	1968	England and Wales 1969.
CORRECTED DEATH RATE per 1,000 population (comparability factor 0.99)			10.5	12.2	11.9
INFANTS DEATHS (under 1 year)					
Legitimate	3	1	4	8	
Illegitimate	1	0	1	2	
	4	1	5	10	
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live births			14.0	30.0	18.0
NEO-NATAL DEATHS (under 4 weeks)					
Legitimate	1	1	2	3	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	2	
	1	1	2	5	
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live births			6.0	15.0	12.0
EARLY NEO-NATAL DEATHS (under 1 week)					
Legitimate	1	1	2	3	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	2	
	1	1	2	5	
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live births			6.0	15.0	10.0
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live and still births)			17.0	30.0	23.0
MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion)			Nil		
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live and still births			Nil	Nil	

AREA COMPARABILITY FACTORS. These factors are provided by the Registrar General in respect of birth and death rates in order to make approximate allowance for the way in which local populations differ in age and sex distribution for England and Wales as a whole.

The local crude rates have to be multiplied by the area factor before thay are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales, or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area.

Comparability Factor for Trowbridge in 1969:-

BIRTHS 1.05

DEATHS 0.95

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks
Malignant Neoplasm, Desophagus	M	-	-
	F	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	3	-
	F	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	2	-
	F	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung,Bronchus	M	7	-
	F	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-
	F	4	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	1	-
Leukaemia	M	1	-
	F	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	9	-
	F	6	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	-	-
	F	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	M	2	-
	F	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	2	-
	F	3	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	28	-
	F	16	-
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	3	-
	F	2	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	13	-
	F	18	-
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	4	-
	F	4	-
Influenza	M	1	-
	F	4	-
Pneumonia	M	5	-
	F	7	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	7	-
	F	-	-
Asthma	M	1	-
	F	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-
	F	3	-
Peptic Ulcer	M	3	-
	F	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-
	F	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	2	-
	F	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-
	F	1	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	-	-
	F	1	-

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

4 weeks and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks
Congenital Anomalies	M	3	-
	F	-	-
Birth, Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	1	-
	F	-	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	-	-
	F	1	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	1	-
	F	7	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-
	F	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	1	-
	F	6	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	-	-
	F	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	104	1
	F	95	1

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

4 weeks and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
3	1	-	1	2	3	9	17	28	39
-	1	-	-	1	2	3	8	21	58

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

STAFF.

Part-time Medical Officer, Dr.J.L.Davies, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., who acts for Trowbridge U.D.C., Bradford on Avon U.D.C. and is also an Assistant County Medical Officer.

Chief Public Health Inspector, Hugh Phillips, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H., who acts as Authorised Officer under (1) Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936, (2) Pet Animals Act, 1951, (3) Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations, 1953, (4) Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957 and (5) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Deputy Public Health Inspector, Alan A.Johnson, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector, R.M.Davies, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

Meat Inspectors. J.McGhee.
G.Pollitt.
J.Stone.

Clerk-typist, Mrs.N.M.Hillyer.

Rodent Operator, T.Richards.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. Public Health Laboratory, Bath.
Waterfall and O'Brien, Bristol.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.

Ambulance Facilities. The County Council's Ambulance Station for the area is at Hilperton Road, Trowbridge.

Services in the home are given by Midwives, District Nurses, Health Visitors, Welfare Officers, Mental Welfare Officers and Home Helps.

By arrangement with the West Wilts Hospitals Management Committee specialist clinics are held at various times by appointment. These include the Eye, Orthopaedic and Child Guidance Clinics. A Cervical Cytology Clinic and a Family Planning Clinic are also held.

The Infant Welfare Clinic is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 2.00 p.m.

Immunisations are carried out at various times by appointment.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 AND 1951.

No action was taken under this Act during 1969.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN 1969.

MEASLES	-	42 cases
INFECTIVE JAUNDICE	-	1 case
FOOD POISONING	-	1 case

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the following figures for immunisation and vaccination carried out in Trowbridge during the year.

		Children born in years					1960	1954	Other
		1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	- 64	- 59	under 16
Primary imms. completed during 1969	Diph.	162	143	9	7	5	10	-	-
	Wh.Cough	162	143	4	5	4	3	-	-
	Tetanus	162	143	9	7	5	10	-	-
	Measles	-	28	81	19	10	12	9	-
	Polio	162	149	14	8	12	16	-	-
Reinforcing imms. given in 1969	Diph.	-	109	148	6	100	192	3	-
	Wh.Cough	-	91	115	5	4	51	1	-
	Tetanus	-	109	148	6	100	191	3	4
	Polio.	-	104	120	4	101	129	5	-

SMALLPOX.

	Months				Years		
Age Group	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 -12	1	2 - 4	5 -15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	141	74	9
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	11

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

A - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES.

(i) SLAUGHTERING.

Slaughtering facilities were provided at two premises:-

1. Bowyers (Wiltshire) Limited.
2. W.E.Summers.

The first named is a modern installation. It is fully mechanised, slaughtering between 75 and 105 pigs per hour according to need. The hours of operation were between 7.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Slaughtering (mainly calves) at W.E.Summers was carried out between the hours of 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

With the exception of a few casualties no slaughtering was done on Sundays.

Twenty-four slaughtermen were licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958,

(ii) INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

A considerable quantity of food was imported in containers not subject to inspection at the ports. Two containers carrying dressed pigs were found to contain unfit meat. Representations were made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food who carried out investigations in the originating country.

Twenty complaints concerning foodstuffs were investigated during the year. Most complaints were of mould and extraneous matter involving the products of large firms. No court proceedings were taken.

The weights of meat and other food condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year were as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts	Lbs
Meat and Offal at Slaughterhouses	141	5	43
Meat and Offal at Wholesale Premises	-	6	101
Meat and Offal at Retail Shops	-	-	7
Cooked Meat and Meat Products	-	-	-
Canned Meats	-	-	34
Other Canned Foods	-	-	-
Fish at Retail Shops	-	-	82
Fruit and Vegetables at Retail Shops	1	3	77
Other Foods	-	-	20
TOTAL.	142	17	28

MEAT INSPECTION AT BACON FACTORIES AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES, 1969.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	-	-	2,039	13	137,058
Number Inspected	-	-	2,039	13	137,058
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI					
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	-	10	-	825
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	49	-	9,872
Percentage of the number killed affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	-	-	2.88%	-	7.80%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	-	-	-	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1,462
Percentage of the number killed affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.06%
CYSTICERCOSIS					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

(iii) POULTRY INSPECTION.

(a) Number of processing premises within the District 1

(b) Number of visits to the premises 107

(c) Total number of birds processed during the year 4,084,324

(d) Types of birds processed ..... Broiler Chickens

(e) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption... 0.729%

(f) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption ...102,717 lbs.

Regular visits to the premises were made during the year. The inspection and rejected of unfit birds were carried out by company's personnel at all stages of production with management supervision. General oversight was given by Officers of this Department as recommended in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Circular 22/61.

(iv) THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1958.

The functions of the Wiltshire County Council under this Order are delegated to the Council. No plants were licensed during the year.

(v) THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

The number of food premises in the district by category of trade was as follows:-

		(a)	(b)	(c)
Grocers, Greengrocers, Fruiters, Confectioners	64	1	25	-
Cafes, Snack Bars	11	-	11	-
Fishmongers	3	-	3	-
Butchers	12	1	12	1
Bakers	3	-	3	-
Fish and Chip Saloons	4	-	4	-
Bacon Factories	1	-	1	-
Other Food Factories	10	1	10	1
Canteens, Kitchens, etc.	33	2	26	2
Food Warehouses	6	-	2	-
Breweries	2	-	2	-
Beer Bottling	1	-	-	-
Wine and Spirit Bottling	1	-	-	-
Public Houses	25	-	25	-
Clubs	8	-	8	-
Off-Licence Premises	6	-	-	-
	190	5	132	4

NOTES The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 are enumerated under (a) above, those to which Regulation 19 applies under (b) and those fitted to comply with Regulation 19 under (c).

(vi) REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES.

Number of premises registered under Section 16 and 18, Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

(i)	(a) For the Sale of Ice-Cream	46
	(b) For the Storage of Ice-Cream	1
	(c) For the Manufacture and Sale of Ice-Cream	1
(ii)	For the preparation or manufacture of Sausages or Potted, Pressed, Pickled or Preserved Food Intended for Sale	12

(vii) MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959.

(i)	Number of registered dairies (not being dairy farms)	4
(ii)	Number of registered distributors of milk	18

Of the registered distributors of milk twelve were shop-keepers retailing small quantities of bottled or carton milk.

All milk retailed in the Urban District was heat-treated.

(viii) MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS.

Under a delegation agreement, certain functions of the Wiltshire County Council, under the Regulations, are carried out by the Urban District Council. Forty-eight samples of designated milks were taken as follows:-

Pasteurised milk	38
Pasteurised (Channel Islands) .	8
Sterilised Milk	1
Ultra High Temperature Milk ...	1
	48

All milk samples conformed to the standards prescribed in the Regulations.

(ix) ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS.

Eight samples of ice-cream and one ice-lolly were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. Seven ice-creams were reported as Provisional Grade I, one as Grade 2 and the lolly was of a satisfactory bacteriological standard.

(x) WATER SAMPLES.

Twelve samples of drinking water and eight samples from the Council's Bathing Pool were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination.

All were reported as satisfactory.

B - HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

(a) UNFIT HOUSES.

Two Closing Orders were made in respect of two unfit properties.

A Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of nine properties in Cross Street was confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of fifty properties in Timbrell Street and Charlotte Street were the subject of a Public Local Inquiry. Subsequently the Minister confirmed the Orders.

Twenty-four properties in The Halve were inspected during the year, sixteen of which were placed in the unfit category. Nine (four fit and five unfit) are included in the list of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest under Section 30 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947 (Grade II) and require special consent for demolition. The route of the northern relief road has still to be determined but the present proposed route would affect every property. No decision has therefore been possible on a course of action. Meanwhile it has been necessary to make Closing Orders on two houses. Uncertainty of the future has been a concern of many owners.

(b) HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION.

Informal action continued to be taken wherever necessary under the Council's adopted code of standards for multi-occupied houses.

(c) RENT ACT.

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair.

(d) IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The Housing Act, 1969 became operative on 25th August, 1969. The maximum for Standard Grants was increased from £155 to £200 and for Discretionary Grants from £400 to £1,000 or £1,200. Certain repair work equivalent to half the cost of improvements can now be included. A Special Grant can be made for the improvement of houses in multiple occupation.

Improvement Areas may be defined and both the houses and the amenities in the area (e.g. open spaces, additional lighting, tree planting, footpaths) be grant aided. Such Areas will require a considerable amount of preparatory work, some of which has now been started.

(i) Discretionary Grants.

Ten applications were received and approved.

(ii) Standard Grants.

Thirty-five applications were received. Approvals were given for thirty-four, one was refused in not satisfying the qualifying conditions.

Twenty properties were improved, during the year, the total money paid, in respect of both types of grants, amounted to £2,678.17.7d.

C - CLEAN AIR ACTS.

Black smuts from oil fired furnaces and garden bonfires again provided the chief causes of complaint of atmospheric pollution. All were dealt with informally.

One notification was received regarding the installation of a new furnace. The chimney height was approved.

D - NOISE ABATEMENT ACT.

Several complaints were dealt with, three requiring considerable investigation.

E - AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

No action was taken under this Act during the year.

F - RODENT AND OTHER PEST CONTROL.

The table shows the very necessary work carried out by the Rodent Operator in destroying rats and mice. He also dealt with pigeons, wasps and cockroaches.

The soil sewers were treated twice during the year for rats. No significant change was evident when compared with previous years.

No conclusive evidence was obtained that any rodents in the town were immune from Warfarin bait but an increase in the number of difficult treatments was noted. Aberrations from normal behaviour came to notice during exceptionally cold weather in March when mice covered their Warfarin bait with leaves, earth and sticks as though protecting their winter's food supply. One mouse, with an obvious touch of humour, covered his bait on the first night with a bus ticket, on the second with a sixpence and on the third with a handkerchief!

More than 200 pigeons were trapped during the year from heavily contaminated buildings. 100 of these were ringed and were returned to their owners in various parts of the country.

The Council has eleven contracts for the regular treatment for rats and mice at commercial and industrial premises and at one hospital.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of Properties in District	7,891	27
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	183	3
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	109	3
(ii) Mice	68	-

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notification	56	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	11	-
(ii) Mice	6	-

G - PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 & 1936.

Forty-four premises were licensed by the Council for the storage of 132,435 gallons of petroleum-spirit. In addition the Home Secretary issued a licence for an installation at a laundry. Four new installations were inspected and tested in accordance with the Home Office Code and Standards adopted by the Council.

H - PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two licences were issued under the Act to keep a pet shop. The advice of the R.S.P.C.A. is sought in connection with applications for licences.

I - OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The number of registrations and an analysis of the number of persons employed in registered premises are set out below. Two hundred and sixty-seven visits were made under the Act.

CLASS OF WORKPLACE	NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS DURING THE YEAR	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES.
Offices	13	1389
Retail Shops	33	768
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	90
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	-	117
Fuel Storage Depots	-	4
	47	2368

Total Males:- 1100 Total Females:- 1268

J - FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local Authority	4	2	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the local authority	96	22	4	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers premises)	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	102	24	4	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	No.of cases in which defects found				No. of cases in which prosecutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness S.1	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding S.2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature S.3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation S.4.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors S.6.	-	-	-	-	-
Conveniences S.7					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	4	1	5	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	5	1	6	-

OUTWORK Section 133 and 134.

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list (S.133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending Council lists	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions.
Wearing Apparel. Making, etc. cleaning and washing	2	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	-	-	-	-	-